Count me in!
for Free school Meals and Pupil Premium

Cambridgeshire County Council

Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting Year 3

My child has been receiving universal school meals during their Key Stage One, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) now they are moving into Year 3?
In order for your child to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

My child was in receipt of Pupil Premium, do I need to reapply for this to continue?
If your child was previously receiving Pupil Premium on the basis of your household income, their entitlement will continue / be transferred to their new Cambridgeshire school.

What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?
The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

My child has not previously been entitled to Free Schools Meals / Pupil Premium, shall I apply now?
You do not need to re-apply if you have previously provided your surname, date of birth and NI number or NASS number, as we already hold your details and will advise you if your child becomes eligible. We routinely check all applicants using a secure Electronic Checking System (ECS). You will be notified if your child does become entitled.

If you have recently changed your name and/or address, please contact the EWB Team to update their records so any future checks for entitlement are carried out using the most up to date information that HMRC hold for you.

If you have not previously provided your details to the EWB Team, then you will need to apply by completing an online form www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from your child's school.

Even if you don't think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS. You will be notified if you become eligible.

Can my child be entitled to Pupil Premium for other reasons?
Your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium if they meet one of the criteria below, please discuss with your school:

- been in local-authority care for 1 day or more in England or Wales
- been adopted from care in England or Wales
- left care under a special guardianship order or residence order in England or Wales
- child from service family

If your child has recently changed school, you will need to ensure the new school is aware of this entitlement.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Or look at the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

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